Amendments to the Specification

Pages 13-14, please replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 12, line 13 to page 14, line 17, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing a flow of cross-contamination information for the automatic analyzer according to the first embodiment of the present invention and charges paid in exchange for the cross-contamination information is managed with participation of a reagent manufacturer 32, an analyzer manufacturer 33, a maintenance service office 34 as one example of an information supervisor, and a customer (examination room or examination center) 35. The reagent manufacturer 32 comprises, for example, a plurality of reagent manufacturers A, B, C and D. The cross-contamination information regarding reagents dealt by those reagent manufacturers is transmitted to the analyzer manufacturer 33 via information transmission media 37, 38, 39 and 40. The analyzer manufacturer 33 pays charges 41, 42, 43 and 44 in exchange for the transmitted information. The analyzer manufacturer 33 revalidates the cross-contamination information received from the plurality of the reagent manufacturers by making tests, puts results of the validation test together, and transmits the test results to the maintenance service office 34 via an information transmission medium 45. The maintenance service office 34 establishes a connection between a maintenance service computer in the office 35 via a communication (telephone) line 36, and sends the cross-contamination information to an input unit 48 of the automatic analyzer 49 via the communication line. The automatic analyzer 49 receives and stores the cross-contamination

information. A maintenance agreement for prevention of the cross-contamination is contracted between the maintenance service office 34 and the customer 35, and a charge 47 in exchange for the maintenance service is paid from the customer 35 to the maintenance service office 34.

Pages 20-21, please replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 21, line 21 to page 21, line 7, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 11 is a block diagram showing a flow of cross-contamination information for an automatic analyzer according to a third embodiment of the present invention and charges paid in exchange for the cross-contamination information. In this third embodiment, cross-contamination information is managed with participation of an analyzer manufacturer 82, a maintenance service office 83, a customer (examination room or examination center) 84 purchasing the cross-contamination information, and customers (examination rooms or examination centers) 93, 94 offering the cross-contamination information. Individual data of cross-contamination information 92 obtained based on tests are stored in respective memories of automatic analyzers of the information offering customers 93, 94. The cross-contamination information 92 is transmitted from an input/output unit of each analyzer to the maintenance service office 83 via a communication line. The maintenance service office 83 pays charges 90, 91 in exchange for the transmitted cross-contamination information 92 to the customers 93, 94 having offered the cross-contamination information. The analyzer manufacturer manages the cross-contamination information received by the

maintenance service office 83. The maintenance service office 83 sells cross-contamination information 86, which has been collected and validated under management of the analyzer manufacturer 82, to the customer 84 having signed a maintenance service office 83, and then receives a charge 87 in exchange for the cross-contamination information 86. The cross-contamination information is received by an input unit 88 and stored in an automatic analyzer 89 of the customer 84.